

### **Remark**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claim 9 has been amended. Claim 6 has been previously cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-5, and 7-49 are present for examination.

### **Claim Objections**

Claim 9 is objected to for lack of a comma. The claim is amended:

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-5 and 7-42 are indicated as allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. These claims remain in the application.

Claims 43, 44, and 47-49 were indicated as rejected for obviousness and also as having not been appealed. While Applicants intended to appeal the claims, at this stage in the proceedings Applicants now seek an allowance of the claims in *ex parte* examination.

For the allowance of Claims 43, 44, and 47-49, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 43 recites, “receive persistent data having a model structure from one of a plurality of different software components that are foreign to the machine and the machine-readable medium.” This limitation is recited in combination with almost all of the features of Claims 1, 9, and 29 or substantially equivalent features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 43, 44, and 47-49 on the same grounds as the other claims.

### **Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

### **Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

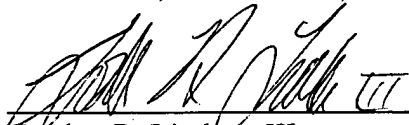
### **Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
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